IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE DISTRICT OF HAWAII

JEANNE ENDO,

Plaintiff,

VS.

UNITED PUBLIC WORKERS, AFSCME
LOCAL 646, AFL-CIO,

Defendant/
Third-Party Plaintiff.

VS.

GARY W. RODRIGUES,

Third-Party Defendant.

ORDER OF RECUSAL

Defendant has named his treating physician, Sharon S. Lawler, M.D., as a witness who will testify in this matter.

While in private practice, I represented Dr. Lawler's husband in their contested divorce proceeding. It is likely that Dr. Lawler will be called as a witness in this case. "Any justice, judge, or magistrate of the United States shall disqualify himself in any proceeding in which his impartiality might reasonably be questioned." 28 U.S.C. § 455(a). Because I believe that my adversarial contact with Dr. Lawler in a personal matter in which she was a party would raise a question as to the court's impartiality, the court is recusing itself from this matter.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

DATED: Honolulu, Hawaii, June 8, 2006.



<u>/s/ Helen Gillmor</u>
Chief United States District Judge

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